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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

AND OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF GRANTHAM,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1879.

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1879.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE SELECTMEN CREDIT THE TOWN AS FOLLOWS:

RECEIVED.

Of	L. D. Dunbar, Treasurer 1877,	$465 54
	Isaac Drake,	18 00
	H. F. Goss, for perambulating town lines,	1 50
	O. B. Buswell, on Collector's book 1876,	172 00
	O. B. Buswell, " " 1877,	1,011 00
	O. B. Buswell, " " 1878,	1,975 00
	James Sargent, borrowed money,	50 00
	M. George, " "	27 39
	V. Manahan, " "	775 00
	Mehitable Brown, " "	34 70
	A. H. Powers, " "	300 00
	H. F. Goss, " "	1,300 00
	H. F. Goss, ag't, " "	1,260 00
	J. H. Goss, " "	400 00
	Benj. F. Goss, " "	140 00
	L. D. Dunbar, ag't, " "	127 40
	Moses Pillsbury, " "	70 00
	County for paupers,	348 00
	D. M. Bean, lease 1877,	12 20
	S. W. H. Clark, lease 1877,	12 00
	Benj. Sargent, " 1878,	14 00
	Rufus Hall, " "	6 00
	Rail road tax,	36 65
	Literary Fund,	65 12
	Savings Bank tax,	254 26
	D. M. Bean, on lease,	4 20
	John Fisher,	3 37
		$8,883 33

THE SELECTMEN CHARGE THE TOWN AS FOLLOWS:

Taxes.

Paid State Tax,		$432 00
County Tax,		480 86
		$912 86

SCHOOL ORDERS.

Paid Dis. No.	1,	L. F. Shaw, com.,	$159 10
	2,	J. Smith, com.,	63 95
	3,	A. L. Brown,	126 25
	4,	W. H. Miller,	47 57
	5,	J. S. Clement,	58 33
	6,	J. Walker,	48 24
	7,	D. E. Ryder,	71 40
			$574 84

WORK AND MATERIALS ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid Hiram L. Burpee, on road to mountain,	$25 00
D. M. Bean, on mountain road,	23 82
Joab Walker, on turnpike 1877,	4 00
W. H. Miller, on mountain road,	12 13
J. Litchfield, on road,	5 00
J. H. Merrill, " "	1 00
J. M. Hastings, on road,	6 00
Josiah Leavitt, on Leavitt Hill road,	14 00
Jonathan Merrill,	6 00
M. V. B. Hastings,	8 71
J. S. Clement, putting up railing,	7 50
" " " work,	33 50
J. P. Hall, on mountain road,	6 40
Orren Heath,	4 25
Wm. Corlis, work,	1 20
J. Hammon,	30
Iron for railings,	8 90
4 lbs. brimstone,	32
Samuel Currier, work,	5 00
A. S. Walker, "	3 50
K. D. Smith, "	6 00
J. B. Rollins, "	35
I. P. Rawson, "	45
L. D. Dunbar, 1046 feet plank,	7 42
N. Russell, work and 1375 feet plank,	19 00

Paid A. W. Flanders, work and 2216 feet plank,	20 51
H. Alexander and Son, work and 375 feet plank,	6 32
G. W. Dunbar, timber and plank,	2 25
Aaron Quimby, work, timber and plank,	16 54
Benj. Hatch, work,	5 07
Jedediah Smith, work on bridge,	2 50
John Spiller, bolts,	1 00
William Wallace, putting up railings, &c.,	4 50
L. D. Dunbar, powder and fuse,	90
A. L. Brown, work,	4 00
	$273 34

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid A. W. Flanders, surveyor,	$ 8 70
Samuel Currier, "	13 55
Joab Walker, "	3 00
Benjamin Hatch, "	5 27
George E. Hatch, "	5 77
D. M. Bean, "	13 36
H. L. Burpee, "	10 40
N. J. Hastings, "	2 10
A. L. Brown, "	10 00
J. S. Clement, "	8 00
Oliver Nichols, "	2 80
D. S. Hastings, "	3 50
James B. Colby, "	2 00
Hiram Currier, "	5 00
	$93 45

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid W. B. Leavitt, S. S. Committee,	$ 16 00
L. N. Sargent, Town Clerk,	10 00
W. Wallace, Selectman services,	13 00
J. S. Clement, " "	15 00
L. D. Dunbar, Selectman and Treasurer,	25 00
O. B. Buswell, Collector,	28 00
	$107 00

BOUNTIES.

Paid for 27 hawks,	$5 40
for 28 foxes,	14 50
	$19 40

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid D. M. Bean,	17	85
Rebecca Kendall, note and interest,	512	50
I. P. Rawson, " "	50	42
Melinda S. Barton, interest,	50	00
George B. Barton, "	40	00
M. P. Burpee, note,	157	68
John Cooper, "	290	53
Mehitable Brown, note,	723	91
O. B. Buswell, Clough girls' notes,	10	91
" " " int. on Methodist Society note,	6	00
J. C. Boyce,	1,006	42
E. L. R. Smith, Mary R. Young notes,	473	25
E. P. Stickney, Lovewill note,	120	50
Harland Colby,	101	86
E. H. Messer,	175	94
M. S. Reed,	83	50
Anna Fisher,	51	05
K. D. Smith, interest,	31	20
B. F. Goss, "	33	16
W. H. Morris, Austin note,	10	84
J. H. Goss, interest,	50	00
M. E. George, interest,	25	00
A. Quimby, "	20	00
S. O. Littlefield,	1,450	78
S. Littlefield,	239	79
	$5,733	16

SUPPORT OF POOR.

County Charges.

Paid I. W. Hook, for Joseph Howard,	55	32
H. G. Clough, for Harriett Buel,	60	50
L. E. Lewis, for I. Drake,	39	75
J. W. Phelps, for Eliza Phelps,	39	70
Lucy Phelps, for children,	88	00
Jonathan Merrill, for Lydia Hastings,	19	10
Phylura Hastings, " " "	23	75
O. A. Jaques,	12	00
Dr. Hurd, for I. Drake,	3	50
" " " Lydia Hastings,	1	25
L. D. Dunbar, goods for Lydia Hastings,	5	46
" " " for W. Kempton,	1	25
Dr. Hatch, " " "	5	00

Paid L. D. Dunbar, goods for Alice Kempton,	7 10
" " " " " Dennis Hibbard,	1 35
	$363 03

TOWN CHARGES.

Edwin Howard, care Mrs. Fowler,	6 00
Mrs. Robinson, " " "	117 50
Dr. Hurd, Medical attendance Mrs. Fowler,	6 50
John Hammon, care M. E. Hammon,	88 00
L. D. Dunbar, goods and medicines M. E. Hammon,	6 18
" " " " " wood Mrs. Fowler,	10 75
Newport, support of B. F. Nelson's child,	10 33
Cornish, " " Z. York,	7 50
Dr. Hurd, for M. E. Hammon,	34 95
	$287 71

DAMAGE ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid Henry Page,	$35 00
J. V. Haven,	3 00
Elias Moore,	1 00
	$39 00

SUNDRY BILLS.

Paid John B. Clark, printing reports 1877,	19 00
Express on reports 1877,	50
E. C. Converse, books,	3 40
L. D. Dunbar, stationery and postage,	1 50
Rufus Hall, care of hearse,	16 50
M. P. Burpee, watering trough,	3 00
H. L. Burpee, " "	2 00
O. B. Buswell, " "	3 00
Mrs. Larris, " " 1877-8,	4 00
Chester Walker, keeping tramps,	3 00
J. W. Nelson, " "	2 50
L. W. Barton, fee,	5 00
J. S. Clement, perambulating town lines,	2 25
W. B. Leavitt, school notices,	1 00
Geo. H. Walker, making copy of invoice,	50
F. C. Leavitt, painting guide boards,	4 00
J. H. Goss, for guide boards,	1 34

Paid for Boards for town clerk's office,	5 00
Door " " " "	1 75
Lock, screws, butts and nails,	90
L. N. Sargent, work on desk,	1 50
John Spiller, fees for affidavit,	77
W. Wallace, drawing boards,	1 50
	$83 91

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS, 1877.

Paid L. B. Hayward,	3 02
John Whitaker,	10 00
H. E. Brown,	1 15
W. H. Miller,	2 86
N. Clough,	2 21
Rufus Hall,	2 00
Geo. B. Barton,	5 72
John Hastings,	2 00
O. B. Buswell,	1 15
H. P. Howe,	5 13
H. H. Currier,	1 76
	$37 00

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS, 1878.

Henry J. Walker,	2 00
W. H. Eastman,	2 00
O. B. Buswell,	6 00
	$10 00

Dog tax in treasury,	$40 00	
Taxes assessed 1878,		$4,061 31
Taxes abated,	25 98	
Non-resident taxes worked,	10 01	
Collector paid to treasurer,	1,975 00	
		$2,010 99
Leaving uncollected,		$2,050 32
Amount of receipts,		$8,883 33
Amount of expenditures,		8,524 70
Leaving in hands of L. D. Dunbar, Treasurer,		$358 63

TAXES ABATED ON BOOK 1878.

Mary Barton heirs,	$1 25	S. W. H. Clark,	$ 1 25
Orville T. Eaton,	1 89	Chas. McDaniels,	2 50
W. L. Martin,	64	J. S. Clement,	6 75
Peabody,			11 70
			$25 98
Non-resident worked,			$10 01

AVAILABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due on Leases,	$107 85
" " J. Clark's note, about	450 00
Due from County,	15 00
Croydon,	7 10
C. Walker,	13 00
State bounties,	28 60
W. D. Colby,	2 00
Tax book, 1875,	19 00
Tax book, 1876,	131 00
Tax book, 1877,	570 33
Tax book, 1878,	2,050 32
L. D. Dunbar, Treasurer,	358 63
	$3,752 83

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Notes with interest accrued,	$19,646 62
Availabilities,	3,752 83
	$15,893 79

NOTES OUTSTANDING AGAINST THE TOWN OF GRANTHAM, MARCH 1, 1879.

Betsey Kidder,	$ 89 15	D. M. Bean,	$ 104 60
Azubah Sawyer,	157 50	Aaron Quimby,	1,665 15
Etta Ryder,	31 50	Geo. B. Barton,	836 37
Wm. Nichols,	10 62	B. F. Goss, 2,	820 00
Justin Nichols,	15 34	D. E. Ryder, 2,	157 67
L. M. Green,	61 50	Angie B. Colby,	27 90
J. B. Green.	5 08	K. D. Smith,	655 00
M. S. Barton, 2,	1,181 00	S. B. Smith,	54 67
O. F. Buswell,	54 50	Jennie Sanborn,	32 68
Meth. Society,	101 50	J. H. Goss, 2,	1,011 00
Jas. Sargent,	52 30	Moses Pillsbury,	70 45
H. F. Goss,	1,359 58	A. H. Powers,	310 00
V. M., 2,	5,260 00	M. A. B.,	894 00
S. J. B.,	154 50	A. B.,	416 00
M. G.,	936 58	C. A. M.,	3,120 38
			$19,646 62

STATEMENT AS COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR.

Liabilities Mar. 1, 1878,	$19,907 59	
Availibilities, less Sugar R. R. Stock,	2,789 38	
		$17,116 21
Liabilities Mar. 1, 1879,	$19,646 62	
Availibilities Mar. 1, 1879,	3,752 83	
		$15,893 79
		$ 1,222 42

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. D. DUNBAR,
J. S. CLEMENT,
WILLIAM WALLACE, } *Selectmen of Grantham.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Grantham:

The period in our school year has again arrived, in which our Statute Book makes it the duty of the superintending school committee of the several towns, wards, etc., of New Hampshire, to report educational progress and make suggestions and remarks, as may, in their judgment, tend to improve the common school system, and thereby promote the moral and intellectual wellfare of the youth of our state.

The statute regulations and requirements, if carried out and enforced, are amply sufficient to enable the youth to obtain a good business education.

The school digest of the latest revision should be in every district clerk's office; not only *in* his office, but read and thoroughly understood by every voter in the district, so that when chosen as a prudential committee, he or she, may know their duty, and *knowing* it they might perform it with prudence and care.

Young and inexperienced teachers, such as have no reputation *as* teachers, should never be employed in our largest and most difficult schools, for nine times in ten it proves, if not an *entire* failure, *partially* so. Of course the young, would be teachers, must have a chance to make a trial of their abilities in order to become good, practical teachers. Yes, we say, start them off in our small schools, and then, if found worthy of a promotion, by a recommendation from the superintending school committee, place them in the front ranks in school teaching.

Since our last report the Legislature has enacted a law, empowering the managers of school matters in towns, to require, if thought best, the pupils of small schools, to attend schools

in the larger districts, and be paid traveling fees according to the distance required to be traveled; this fee is to be paid from the school money of the district. It is recommended that this law be enforced in some of the small districts in town.

The Legislature will be petitioned at the next session, to enact a law requiring that one-fifth part of the "Literary Fund," which may annually be assigned to any town or school district, shall be appropriated for the purpose of *blackboards*, *maps*, *charts*, *globes*, *dictionaries* or *philosophical*, *astronomical* or *chemical* aparatus.

That *something* ought to be done by the town to procure at least a *globe* for the use of the schools, there is no question. But whether or not, such a law should be enacted, as above, is a question not fully solved in our mind, as to its practical workings.

DISTRICT No. 1.

L. F. Shaw, prudential committee.

Both the summer and winter terms were taught by Miss P. Estelle Spaulding. Miss Spaulding is an an active, energetic teacher, readily and plainly teaching, and communicating the sciences required to be taught in this school at both the summer and winter terms. The record of each of these schools shows that they were well attended. We cheerfully recommend her as a teacher to the patronage of the public. These schools, at each of our visits, appeared well, and made very good improvement.

The record of the Roll of Honor shows for the summer term that Harry P. Hurd, Alice E. A. Lewis and Edgar G. Howe, were neither absent nor tardy.

DISTRICT No. 2.

J. Smith, prudential committee.

This district had but one term, taught by Alice M. Smith. This was Miss Smith's first term. Her ability to impart instruction, we should judge to be full an average.

There are five scholars that belong to the district and four attended from other districts. How much progress the school generally made, we could not fully determine, for all but one

from other districts, had gone away and the two largest scholars in the district were absent at the examination. Those present done as well as other scholars of their ages.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Aaron L. Brown, prudential committee.

The summer term was taught by Avis J. Flanders. Miss Flanders is a successful teacher, always giving good satisfaction. We never found her *delinquent* in any of her schools.

The winter term was commenced by Isaac C. Stone, who taught ten weeks. This was Mr. Stone's first attempt at school teaching. His success was poor indeed. He commenced with 32 scholars and closed with 14. The small scholars made usual progress, but he failed to interest the large ones, or to impart to them suitable instruction in arithmetic, grammar, or algebra. The register for district No. 3, the teacher carried off out of town, and though we demanded of him its return, he never did so. Hence our report, to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as far as district No. 3 is concerned, must be deficient. The prudential committee are forbid, by the statute regulations, paying their teachers until they present a certificate, signed by the S. S. committee, stating that the register has been received. In no case should the prudential committee ever pay a teacher from a distance, until the requirement of the law is complied with.

The remaining five weeks of school was taught by Miss P. Estelle Spaulding. Miss Spaulding being a working teacher, as well as a keen observer in the school-room, soon fitted up and put in successful operation the whole school-machinery. We were sorry that more scholars did not return to reap the benefit of the second term.

DISTRICT No. 4.

W. H. Miller, prudential committee.

There was only one term in this district, taught by Miss Avis J. Flanders. This school as usual made very good proficiency indeed.

DISTRICT No. 5.

J. S. Clement, prudential committee.

There was only one term in this district, taught by Miss Katie A. Simonds. Miss Simonds, at our first visit, appeared well, and the scholars appeared well, starting off quite satisfactory. After the school had continued two or three weeks, some difficuty arose in relation to punishing a scholar. A meeting was called and a general attendance of voters and scholars was had. The trouble was finally adjusted and the school went on, and at the examination we found that good proficiency had been made. There were seven neither absent nor tardy.

DISTRICT No. 6.

J. Walker, prudential committee.

This district had but one term, taught by Miss Cozella Borden. At our first visit both the scholars and teacher appeared well. Not getting the notice of the examination in season, we did not visit the school at its close. There was some trouble between the scholars and teacher. We think the general proficency was not great. Oren P. Walker was the only name that appears on the Roll of Honor, as being neither absent nor tardy.

DISTRICT No. 7.

D. Rider, prudential committee.

Both the summer and winter terms were taught by Warren L. Pettengill. At both of our visits at the summer term we found Mr. Pettengill to be an efficient, thorough-going teacher. The school orderly and progression good. Hiram A. Church, Jerome Gault, Fannie Goss and Etta Rider, were neither absent nor tardy.

By reason of sickness, I did not visit the school at its close for the winter term. But I have no reason to suppose that it did not make good proficency. George C. Barton ranked the highest in mathematics; George C. Hall in reading, writing and spelling; Addie M. Walker, Etta M. Ryder and Fannie E. Goss stood the highest; George W. Colby and Frank A. Colby were neither absent nor tardy.

REMARKS.

This district occupies rather a peculiar position in relation to the other districts in Grantham. Springfield claims jurisdiction, not only over Springfield division of the district, but over the school generally, making Springfield committee chairman, whereby, disqualifying Grantham committee from exercising the powers and privileges, he has over the other districts in town. Hence, if he thinks that new books ought to be introduced for the wellfare of the school, he has not the power or privilege of doing so ; at least, matters and things have been so overruled that he has not done so, if the power was his. We are inclined to think that as the school house stands on Grantham soil, Grantham has a lawful right to hold jurisdiction over this district, the same as others in town.

W. B. LEAVITT, S. S. Com.

Grantham, Feb. 24th, 1879.

TABULAR VIEW OF THE SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	No. of Terms.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Length of schools of 5 days.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.	No. of visits by S. S. Com.	No. of visits by Prudential Com.	No. visits by citizens.	Wages of teachers per month.
1	1	P. Estelle Spaulding,	10	25	22	2	2	22	22 00
1	2	P. Estelle Spaulding,	14	36	30	2	0	25	28 00
2	1	Alice A. Smith,	12	9	$6\frac{3}{4}$	2	0	8	18 00
3	1	Avis J. Flanders,	10	27	25	2	0	18	14 00
3	2	A. C. Stone & P. E. Spaulding,	15	32	23	2	0	0	
4	1	Avis J. Flanders,	12	7	5	2	0	10	16 00
5	1	Katie A. Simonds,	12	12	$10\frac{1}{2}$	2	2	18	15 40
6	1	Cozella Borden,	8	5	5	1	1	12	16 00
7	1	Warren L. Pettengill,	9	21	17	2	3	31	12 00
7	2	Warren L. Pettengill,	13	25	18	1	0	0	18 00